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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

The following narrative and tables are from recently published reports by USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board. These data are direct results of information provided by Nebraska producers and agribusinesses to the surveys conducted each month by this office. Thank you for your response to these surveys.

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Mid-Year Acreage Highlights

As of June 1, Nebraska corn growers planted 8.3 million acres in 2006, down 2 percent from 2005 but 1 percent above 2004. Biotechnology varieties accounted for 76 percent of the planted acreage, up from 69 percent last year. Nebraska soybean producers planted 4.85 million acres, up 3 percent from 2005. The 2006 plantings are the second highest of record, 2 percent below the high of 4.95 million set in 2001. Of these acres, 90 percent are planted to biotechnology varieties resistant to herbicides, down 1 percent from last year. Last fall, winter wheat was sown on 1.8 million acres, down 3 percent from 2005.

Sorghum growers planted 430,000 acres, 26 percent more than 2005 but 22 percent less than 2004. Alfalfa hay acreage for harvest, at 1.3 million acres, is up 4 percent from last year. Other types of hay cut are up 3 percent from a year earlier. Proso Millet plantings, at 145,000 acres, are up 7 percent from 2005. Oat seedings, at 140,000 acres, are down 7 percent from 2005. Dry edible bean producers planted 135,000 acres, down 23 percent from a year earlier. Sugarbeet plantings of 58,000 acres are up 20 percent from 2005. Sunflower acreage of 47,000 is down 52,000 acres, or 53 percent from a year ago.

Crop Summary: Acres Planted and Harvested, Nebraska and United States, 2004-2006

Crop	Nebraska				United States			
	2004	2005	2006	<u>2006</u> 2005	2004	2005	2006	<u>2006</u> 2005
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>			<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>			<i>Percent</i>
	Planted Acreage							
Corn	8,250	8,500	8,300	98	80,929	81,759	79,366	97
Soybeans	4,800	4,700	4,850	103	75,208	72,142	74,930	104
Sorghum	550	340	430	126	7,486	6,454	6,282	97
Oats	140	150	140	93	4,085	4,246	4,312	102
Proso Millet	160	135	145	107	710	565	575	102
Dry Beans	120	175	135	77	1,354.3	1,665.0	1,561.8	94
Sugar Beets	49.8	48.4	58.0	120	1,345.6	1,299.8	1,361.9	105
Winter Wheat	1,850	1,850	1,800	97	43,350	40,433	41,393	102
Sunflower - Oil	36	60	28	47	1,533	2,104	1,575	75
- Non-oil	20	39	19	49	340	605	325	54
- All	56	99	47	47	1,873	2,709	1,900	70
	Acres for Harvest ¹							
Corn	7,950	8,250	7,950	96	73,631	75,107	72,091	96
Soybeans	4,750	4,660	4,800	103	73,958	71,361	73,935	104
Sorghum	415	250	300	120	6,517	5,736	5,317	93
Oats for Grain	50	60	45	75	1,787	1,823	1,907	105
Proso Millet	135	125	²		595	515	²	
Dry Beans	110	172	125	73	1,219.3	1,568.6	1,465.0	93
Sugar Beets	47.5	45.3	54.9	121	1,306.7	1,242.9	1,321.1	106
All Hay	2,800	2,850	2,950	104	61,966	61,649	62,697	102
Winter Wheat	1,650	1,760	1,650	94	34,462	33,794	31,108	92
Sunflower - Oil	35	58	27	47	1,424	2,032	1,493	73
- Non-oil	18	38	18	47	287	578	304	53
- All	53	96	45	47	1,711	2,610	1,797	69

¹Forecasted. ²Estimates to be released January 2007 in Annual Crop Production Summary.

Source: USDA NASS Acreage June 30, 2006

Grain Stocks

Nebraska corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 2006 totaled 501 million bushels, down 2 percent from June 1, 2005. Soybeans stored in all positions totaled a record high 75.3 million bushels, up 69 percent from last year. Wheat stored in all positions on June 1, 2006 totaled 16.5 million bushels, up 3 percent from a year ago.

U.S. corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 2006, totaled 4.36 billion bushels, up 1 percent from June 1, 2005. Soybeans stored in all positions totaled 990 million bushels, up 42 percent from last year. All wheat stored in all positions on June 1, 2006, totaled 568 million bushels, up 5 percent from a year ago.

Grain Stocks: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, 2004-2006

Grain and Position	Nebraska				United States			
	June 1, 2004	June 1, 2005	June 1, 2006	<u>2006</u> 2005	June 1, 2004	June 1, 2005	June 1, 2006	<u>2006</u> 2005
	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>		<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 Bushels</i>		<i>Percent</i>	
Corn								
On Farms	160,000	290,000	275,000	95	1,540,000	2,462,300	2,350,500	95
Off Farms ¹	181,955	221,217	225,781	102	1,430,140	1,858,513	2,012,020	108
Total	341,955	511,217	500,781	98	2,970,140	4,320,813	4,362,520	101
All Wheat								
On Farms	2,700	1,600	1,600	100	131,880	161,275	111,010	69
Off Farms ¹	16,650	14,467	14,893	103	414,559	378,825	456,833	121
Total	19,350	16,067	16,493	103	546,439	540,100	567,843	105
Soybeans								
On Farms	8,300	17,500	27,500	157	110,000	356,100	495,500	139
Off Farms ¹	30,878	27,143	47,809	176	300,604	343,174	494,640	144
Total	39,178	44,643	75,309	169	410,604	699,274	990,140	142
Sorghum								
On Farms	1,700	2,600	2,200	85	7,650	16,000	12,650	79
Off Farms ¹	10,026	9,966	7,106	71	72,944	97,170	94,696	97
Total	11,726	12,566	9,306	74	80,594	113,170	107,346	95
Oats								
On Farms	1,100	550	790	144	27,500	25,350	25,190	99
Off Farms ¹	2	2	2		37,348	32,592	27,401	84
Total	2	2	2		64,848	57,942	52,591	91

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Source: USDA NASS Grain Stocks, June 30, 2006

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary June 2006 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		Jun 2005 ¹	May 2006 ¹	Jun 15, 2006	Jun 2005 ¹	May 2006 ¹	Jun 15, 2006	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
Wheat, All	Bushels	\$3.12	\$ 4.13	\$ 4.10	\$ 3.23	\$ 4.09	\$ 3.96	38	\$10.50
Corn	Bushels	1.97	2.08	2.00	2.03	2.17	2.05	26	7.80
Oats	Bushels	1.60	1.83	1.85	1.75	1.85	1.75	40	4.33
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	3.26	3.84	3.75	3.77	4.01	4.12	34	12.10
Soybeans	Bushels	6.59	5.45	5.40	6.58	5.68	5.57	32	17.20
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	47.00	59.00	67.00	102.00	114.00	109.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	47.00	60.00	68.00	112.00	118.00	115.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	46.00	52.00	58.00	73.60	96.80	90.10		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	23.40	17.10	17.10	27.70	19.40	18.50	34	55.00
Hogs	Cwt.	51.20	49.50	54.00	49.50	48.20	53.20	45	117.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	51.40	49.90	54.40	49.90	48.90	54.20		
Sows	Cwt.	43.10	32.00	34.00	43.40	30.20	31.80		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	88.60	83.60	85.00	88.00	82.20	84.00	44	193.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	89.50	84.70	86.20	91.50	86.50	88.40		
Cows	Cwt.	60.40	47.40	46.50	56.80	47.50	46.10		
Calves	Cwt.	148.00	128.00	133.00	140.00	132.00	132.00	49	268.00
Sheep	Cwt.	34.90	32.00		41.20	33.20			95.80
Lambs	Cwt.	108.00	96.60		114.00	88.90			233.00

¹ Entire month average except hay.

² Parity price based on data for June 2006.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, June 29, 2006

Nebraska Department of Agriculture Hay & Forage Hotline

In response to drought conditions that are affecting Nebraska producers, the Nebraska Department of Agriculture has opened a "Hay and Forage Hotline," to connect buyers with sellers of hay, pasture and other types of forage. This hotline service is available to all buyers and sellers for free. The Department is providing this information as it has been given to us; listing of individual names does not in any way constitute an endorsement of anyone or their respective product. The Hotline is merely designed to be a clearinghouse of information for producers in need.

The toll-free hotline number is 800-422-6692; the local number is 471-4876. Sellers of available hay and forage can contact this number and have their name, contact information, and inventory placed on the "Sellers List," which is updated regularly. The Nebraska Department of Agriculture will then make the "Sellers List" available to buyers by mail or by this web site, <http://www.agr.state.ne.us/hayhot/hayhotline.htm>. Once buyers obtain this information they will be responsible for contacting the sellers direct to negotiate any transactions.

In order to help ensure that the sellers list contains accurate, up-to-date information, sellers are encouraged to call the hotline number if they no longer have hay or forage available or if they would like to update their posting. However, postings older than one year will be removed automatically. Once a posting has been removed for this reason, sellers can call the hotline and re-enter their posting with any updated information. Please contact the Nebraska Department of Agriculture if you have any questions.

Hogs and Pigs

Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2006, was 2.90 million head. This was 4 percent above June 1, 2005 but unchanged from March 1, 2006. Breeding inventory, at 365,000 head, was up 3 percent from June 1, 2005 and last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.54 million head, was 4 percent above last year but slightly below last quarter.

Inventory of all hogs and pigs in the United States was 60.9 million head on June 1, 2006. This was up slightly from June 1, 2005 and up 1 percent from March 1, 2006. Breeding inventory, at 6.06 million head, was up 1 percent from both last year and the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 54.9 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up 2 percent from last quarter.

Hogs and Pigs: June 1 Inventory, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, Nebraska and United States 2005-2006¹

Item	Nebraska			United States		
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
June 1 Inventory						
All hogs and pigs	2,800	2,900	104	60,732	60,927	100
Breeding	355	365	103	5,977	6,060	101
Market	2,445	2,535	104	54,754	54,867	100
Market Hogs & Pigs						
Under 60 pounds	960	1,000	104	20,423	20,598	101
60-119 pounds	640	670	105	13,376	13,442	100
120-179 pounds	490	490	100	11,143	11,195	100
180 pounds and over	355	375	106	9,813	9,633	98
Sows Farrowing						
December-February ²	175	175	100	2,835	2,840	100
March-May	175	180	103	2,882	2,897	101
December-May ²	350	355	101	5,716	5,737	100
June-August ³	175	180	103	2,918	2,922	100
September-November ³	175	180	103	2,900	2,924	101
June-November ³	350	360	103	5,818	5,846	100
Pig Crop						
December-February ²	1,575	1,601	102	25,343	25,656	101
March-May	1,584	1,647	104	25,986	26,301	101
December-May ²	3,159	3,248	103	51,330	51,956	101
June-August	1,584			26,449		
September-November	1,584			26,187		
June-November	3,168			52,635		

¹May not add due to rounding.

²December preceding year.

³Intentions for 2006.

Source: USDA NASS Quarterly Hog and Pigs, June 30, 2006

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

May 2006 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. May 2005 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. May 2006 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, May 2006 with Comparisons

Item	Total ¹	May 2006 Percent of	
		May 2005	Apr 2006
<i>1,000 Head</i>			
Nebraska			
Cattle, head	652.5	103	119
Hogs, head	595.1	107	108
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	635.6	106	117
United States			
Cattle, head	3,038.7	109	117
Calves, head	57.0	97	120
Hogs, head	8,537.0	106	107
Sheep & Lambs, head	225.8	109	91
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,049.1	109	112

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter June 23, 2006.

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, May 2006 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks	May 2006 Percent of	
		May 2005	Apr 2006
1,000 Lbs.			
Total red meats	925,924	109	96
Beef	434,523	137	101
Pork	473,083	92	91
Poultry	1,248,746	110	98
Turkey	465,990	100	110
Chicken	774,827	117	92

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage June 22, 2006

Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, May 2006 with Comparisons

Item	2005	2006	2006/2005
<i>Millions</i>			
<i>Percent</i>			
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	11.9	11.6	97
United States	341.8	344.7	101
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	277	258	93
United States	6,439	6,521	101
Chickens Hatched, May			
United States			
Egg-type	38.8	40.3	104
Broiler	824.0	810.9	98

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs June 23, 2006

Thanks !

Thank you to the many Nebraska farmers and ranchers who participated in the USDA NASS midyear surveys. This publication highlights the results of those efforts. This basic supply data on crop acreage, grain stocks, and hog inventories is a significant piece of the information grain and livestock buyers and sellers utilize to ensure fair, efficient markets, reducing overall price volatility.

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